

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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SMALL AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop small airports in the country;
- (b) if so, the names of places selected for this propose;
- (c) the expenditure likely to be incurred, thereon;
- (d) whether the Government is contemplating to get assistance from private sector to develop these domestic airports; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e): Keeping in view the enormous growth in air traffic, which has put pressure on airport infrastructure, Government had pronounced a policy for greenfield airports in April,2008 to encourage infusion of greater investment in airport sector.

So far, Government of India has given `in-principle` approval for setting up of Greenfield airports for public use at Navi Mumbai and Sindhudurg in Maharashtra; Mopa in Goa; Bijapur, Simoga, Hassan and Gulbarga in Karnataka; Pakyong in Sikkim, Kannur in Kerala; Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh, Durgapur in West Bengal; Paladi/Jaipur in Rajasthan and Datia/Gwalior (Cargo) in Madhya Pradesh. In addition, Steering Committee has also recommended for setting up of a Greenfield airport at Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh. Some of these airports are to be established with assistance from private sector as per the funding plan of respective State Governments or individual airport operator